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JULY 9, 2023
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun	7/9	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	In Memory of Robert & Barb Sponenburg by Chris & Sandy Sponenburg <i>Mass at St John's Ricky Vande Hei, Bill VanHandel, Living & Deceased Members of the Family</i>
Tues	7/11	8:15 AM	<i>Mass at St John's Deceased Members of the Liebergen Family</i>
Wed	7/12	8:15 AM 9:00 AM 9:30 AM	<i>Mass at St John's For Victims of Abuse</i> Communion Service Faith formation
Thurs	7/13	8:15 AM	<i>Mass at St John's For the Health of My Brother</i>
Fri	7/14	8:15 AM	Thomas Van Vreede by Dick & Darlene Stedl
Sat	7/15	4:00 PM	<i>Mass at St John's Living & Deceased Members of the Cismoski & Schuster Families</i>
Sun	7/16	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Myron Grusczyński by Joe & Jane Grzelak <i>Mass at St John's Alice & Harry Bluma and Deceased Family Members</i>

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

July 9, 2023 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Do you ever feel restless? I certainly do. Daily tasks and challenges, but also the more basic demand of simply existing — sooner or later, this can all feel crushing and tire us out.

Which is why Jesus' words are such stunningly good news: "Come to me all you who labor and are burdened and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). How vastly weird that this man speaks as though he is capable of giving us the deep repose we desire. Is his claim the height of absurd grandiosity? No, because next he immediately proclaims that he is "meek and humble of heart." We here touch a mystery: Jesus is capable of giving us rest because he is the one who forever reposes in the heart of God the Father. He is "yoked" to the Father in his divinity. But he is humbly "yoked" to us, sharing in our humanity.

The good news, my fellow tired-out friends: we don't have to despair in our burdens and exhaustion, no matter how heavy they feel. This week, join me in opening our hearts to hear him say to us, "Come! I will give you rest." We come to him in the Church, Eucharist, the Scriptures, prayer, in the poor. There he will give us rest. — *Father John Muir*

Music in the Park 2023

Music starts at 6:15 - Wednesday evenings
Depot St - Downtown Seymour



July 12 Jon and Sarah Irish Dancers & fun music
July 19 TNT Polka Young talent kicking off Polka Days
July 26 The Drovers Playing a variety of hits



*Thank you to Sherry De Ruyter & family,
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**(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC -
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

A Ballad of Flesh and Spirit

"My yoke is easy and my burden is light," says the man hanging from a cross. And if we only went on what we see with our eyes - flesh driven through by nails and sword, swollen from beating and inches from expiration - it would seem like a joke.

I'll tell you something we all know: this life on earth is hard. It's either too long or it's too short. It's frequently painful. It's riddled with problems that seem to make no sense. It is, as Dickens wrote, "made of ever so many partings welded together."

But it's also shockingly, senselessly beautiful. It is full of physical experiences of love, joy, and peace that are so powerful they leave you breathless.

It is both these things - good and bad, hard and wonderful, just as we are both body and soul, spirit and flesh.

No one knows the Father except the Son, who entered into our bodily existence to free us from enslavement to it. No one knows the Son except the Father, and the means by which they know one another - the love passing between them, the Third Person himself - has been shared with us, has made its dwelling within us through baptism.

"Brothers and sisters, we are not debtors to the flesh, to live according to the flesh."
— *Romans 8:12*

Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week

The Christian life does not require wisdom, charisma, or strength - no, quite the opposite. To be Christian, we must embrace our faults, our littleness, our shortcomings - gather them up, and lay them all at the feet of Jesus. There, they will be transformed.

DAY/TIME	LECTOR	DISTRIBTORS	GREETERS	SERVERS	USHERS
SUNDAY	Pat Posbrig	Tim Eisenreich		Ella Ambrosius	Ron Matuszak Jr
8:00AM / JULY 16				Saddie Ambrosius Olivia Ambrosius	Kurt Schuh

INCOME FOR WEEK:

Church Support	\$ 1,308.17
Loose Collection	\$ 100.00
Building/Maintenance	\$ 10.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 10.00
Votives	\$ 5.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

WE Energies	\$ 408.46
AON Risk Insurance	\$ 608.77
Liguori Publications	\$ 76.66
Northern Sound & Video	\$ 165.22



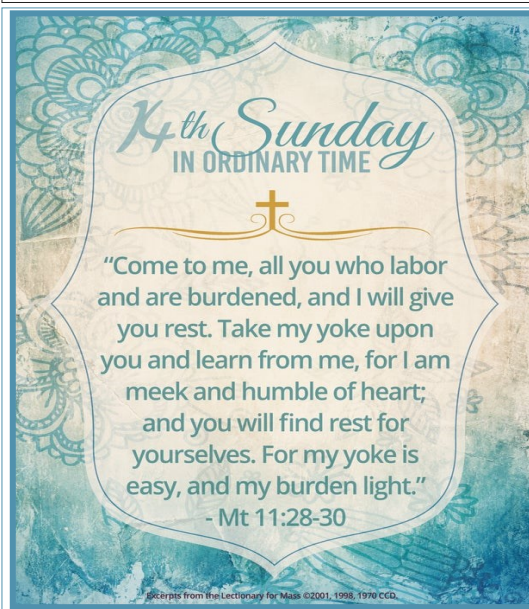
Bishop's Appeal

Goal:
\$14,962

Given to
date:
\$14,725

Still needed:
\$237

Goal !
—— \$14,000
—— \$11,000
—— \$8,000
—— \$5,000
—— \$2,000



Coming Back to Church

Question:

I have been away from the Church for a few years and really want to get active again, not so much for me, but for my children. Is this a bad reason to come back to Church?

Answer:

If you are on your way to the supermarket, and you are forced to detour from your usual route because of road work, does the food you buy taste different? Is the meal less filling? Are the vegetables less tasty? Of course not. In our faith journey, there are many detours called sin. Some are greater than others, some are even a bit longer. But God's grace comes to us in ways we understand and recognize and need. Your children leading you back to the Church is not as important as the fact that you are back.

This is an opportunity for you to renew, strengthen, and deepen your faith. Regardless of how we get to Church, or what draws us closer to God, the fact is we are there. Do what you need to do to get right with God and the Church. Go to confession, begin good family religious practices, and be involved in the ministries your parish offers. Be more than a lukewarm parishioner. Be the kind of Catholic you want your children to be.



We are in need of a Parish Council Secretary. This is a 3 year commitment. If you, or someone you know might be interested, please contact the parish office.

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Freedom

God, giver of all good gifts, Help us to be thankful for rest and food, and remember that, in all we do or say, you are with us, here this day. We are thankful for all you do and for everything you have given us. But above all we are thankful for our freedoms and the ability to protect others' freedom. We are free because of you. We ask for your continued blessing on all your creation. Through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lighter Side

Muldoon lived alone in the Irish countryside with only a pet dog for company. One day the dog died, & Muldoon went to the parish priest and asked, "Father, me dog is dead. Could ya' be saying' a mass for the poor creature?"

Father Patrick replied, "I'm afraid not, we cannot have services for an animal in the church. But there are some Baptists down the lane, and there's no tellin' what they believe. Maybe they'll do something for the creature."

Muldoon said, "I'll go right away Father. Do ya' think \$5,000 is enough to donate to them for the service?"

Father Patrick exclaimed, "Sweet Mary, Mother of Jesus! Why did ya' not tell me the dog was Catholic?"

Gone to the Dogs

Ministry of the Sick: Please notify the parish office if a member of your family is confined to their home or is hospitalized. Also, please inform the hospital of your affiliation with your parish.

Baptisms: Please call the parish office two months in advance.

Marriage: Please call St. John's parish office eight months in advance.

Funeral Arrangements: Please call St. John's parish office.

Anointing of the Sick and Dying: Please call St. John's parish office.

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Wed: 8:30 - Noon, Closed: Tues & Fri